

Weather Whys

What

Safe Boating Campaign

When

1 week, mid to late May

Where

United States and Canada

Why

Promotes safe boating practices to reduce boating related accidents, injuries and fatalities.

How

Dissemination of information through media outlets, the internet and agencies involved with the boating community, including the NWS.

Websites

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/apx>

<http://www.dnr.state.mi.us>

<http://safeboatingcampaign.com>

FAQs

??? What is the main cause of small boat accidents and fatalities?

In Michigan, most accidents involve vessel collision. Most fatalities result from capsizing and falling overboard. Most of these fatalities can be avoided if boat passengers wear life jackets at all times.

??? How does the National Weather Service promote Safe Boating Week?

The NWS broadcasts safety messages on NOAA Weather Radio during Safe Boating Week. Also, we urge boaters to tune to channels 1 through 10 on their marine radios for the latest weather information.

??? How can boaters use weather information to ensure a safe boating experience?

Keep abreast of the latest information. The forecast you heard at 6 am may be significantly changed before 11 am. Don't go out when Small Craft Advisories are in effect. Keep an eye on the sky, and immediately head for safe port if threatening weather approaches or if the NWS issues a Special Marine Warning for your location.